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DEAN HELLER
SECRETARY OF STATE

Whereas, the State of Nevada is committed to promoting the availability and accessibility of high quality and affordable health care for rural residents; and

Whereas, the vast geographic distances and low population density of rural Nevada present an additional challenge to sustaining an economically viable health care delivery system; and

Whereas, this state has adopted a comprehensive, long- term Strategic Plan for Rural Health Care, which was developed with statewide input from rural residents, advocates, and service providers; and

Whereas, the Strategic Plan emphasized the need for planning and coordination of rural health care; and

Whereas, the Strategic Plan identified goals and outlined strategies to carry out the goals and recommendations over the next decade; and

Whereas, the state recognizes that the implementation of the Strategic Plan needs to be monitored and may need to be reviewed and revised as necessary to ensure that services are truly available to rural residents.

Therefore, I, Kenny C. Guinn, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Nevada, do hereby issue this Order.

1. The Director of the Department of Human Resources shall establish the Strategic Plan for Rural Health Care accountability committee. The Committee will oversee the implementation of the Plan and will review and revise, as necessary, the Plan.
2. Committee members will be rural residents or be knowledgeable of delivery of services to rural areas.
3. The committee will collaborate with the accountability committees for senior services and services for persons with disabilities.
4. The committee will submit an annual report on progress made toward implementing the Plan and recommend changes to the plan by July 1st of each year to the Director of the Department of Human Resources.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City this 18th day of November, in the year two thousand three.

Kenny C. Guinn
GOVERNOR

Dean Heller
SECRETARY OF STATE

Nancy S. Power
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE